

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

- 1 1. (currently amended): A holder for safely transporting ~~and/or~~ and storing cylindrical ~~tanks~~  
2 ~~or objects~~ objects comprises:
- 3       an inwardly sloped first interior wall portion;
- 4       an inwardly sloped second interior wall portion;
- 5       said first and second interior wall portions each being downwardly converging toward  
6 the other, ~~parallel to one another~~, and rigidly held spaced apart a distance sufficient to  
7 securely hold therebetween portions of the exterior sidewall of a cylindrical ~~tank~~ or object,  
8 thereby retaining the ~~latter object~~ in a horizontal orientation; horizontal orientation;
- 9       an outwardly sloped downwardly diverging first exterior wall portion having a top  
10 edge rigidly secured to a top edge of said first interior wall portion;
- 11       an outwardly sloped downwardly diverging second exterior wall portion having a top  
12 edge rigidly secured to a top edge of said second interior wall portion;
- 13       first and second bottom portions, said first bottom portion having an innermost  
14 longitudinal edge rigidly attached to a lowermost longitudinal edge of said first interior wall  
15 portion, said second bottom portion having an innermost longitudinal edge rigidly attached to  
16 a lowermost longitudinal edge of said second interior wall portion; and

17           attachment means for adjustably securing said first and second bottom portions  
18           together in an overlapping manner for obtaining a desired distance between said first and  
19           second interior wall portions.

1           2.       (canceled).

1           3.       (canceled).

1           4.       (canceled).

2           5.       (canceled).

1           6.       (canceled).

1           7.       (canceled).

1           8.       (canceled).

1           9.       (canceled).

1           10.      (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): The holder of Claim ~~12~~, 1, wherein said attachment means includes:

a plurality of first ~~Velcro®~~ hook and loop strips secured on the bottom of one of said first and second bottom portions; and

a plurality of second ~~Velcro®~~ hook and loop strips secured on the top of the other of said first and second bottom portions, and positioned to securely engage respective ones of said plurality of first ~~Velcro®~~ hook and loop strips.

14. (currently amended): The holder of Claim ~~12~~, 1, wherein said first interior wall portion, said first exterior wall portion, and said first bottom portion are made from a single piece of material.

15. (currently amended): The holder of ~~12~~, 1, wherein said second interior wall, exterior wall, and bottom portions are made from a single piece of material.

16. (original): The holder of Claim 14, further including:  
said second interior wall, exterior wall, and bottom portions being made from a single piece of material.

1     17.     (currently amended): The holder of Claim ~~12~~, 1, wherein said first and second  
2     interior and exterior wall portions, and said first and second bottom portions are all made  
3     from a single piece of material selected from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.

1     18.     (original): The holder of Claim 14, wherein said single piece of material is selected  
2     from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.

1     19.     (original): The holder of Claim 15, wherein said single piece of material is selected  
2     from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.

1     20.     (Original): The holder of Claim 16, wherein said single piece of material is selected  
2     from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.